

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: De Haan, et al.

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 Middle Distillates Produced By That Process

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
 Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to examination of the above-identified application, Applicants herewith  
 respectfully requests the following amendments:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

On page 2, line 1, of the international application, please insert the following  
 paragraphs:

Further, WO 97/14769 discloses diesel fuels having excellent lubricity, oxidative  
 stability and high cetane number produced from the non-shifting Fischer-Tropsch  
 processes and having >95 wt% paraffins with an iso to normal ratio of from 0.3 to 3.0 .  
 No mention is made regarding the effect of branching on the cold flow properties or the  
 cetane number.

Still further, WO 98/34998 discloses a process for producing additive  
 compositions, especially via a Fischer-Tropsch reaction, useful for improving the cetane  
 number or lubricity of a middle distillate diesel fuel. The additive is prepared by  
 fractionating the products of a Fischer-Tropsch reaction into a low boiling 371 degC

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